



MICHIGAN OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER VET AND HORSE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR STANDARDBRED TRAINERS

PERMITTED MEDICATIONS

Once a horse has been entered to race, the only two permitted medications that may be given are **phenylbutazone** and **furosemide**.

PHENYLBUTAZONE

- 2 gm of bute may be given orally or by injection up to 24 hours before race time and must not exceed the threshold of 5 ug/ml.
- Bute is not permitted for 2 year olds.
- No notification is required for using bute.



FUROSEMIDE (LASIX)

- 2 to 5 mls (100-250 mg) of furosemide may be given intravenously no later than 3 hrs before post.
- Stewards may grant a 30 minute grace period if a horse is late arriving to the track.
- Furosemide is administered by private vets at a designated site.
- Furosemide is not permitted in 2 year olds.
- Furosemide eligibility is determined by previous usage, bleeder certificate, authorization from another jurisdiction or submission of an ORC Furosemide Request Form in which a trainer and his private vet determine that use of furosemide would be in the best interest of the horse's health.
- Request for removal from the furosemide eligibility list requires written notification by the trainer to an ORC vet before time of entry. A horse removed from the list may not be placed back on the list for 60 days, unless it is certified to be a bleeder by a licensed vet.

SAMPLE TESTING

All winning horses and those selected by the stewards or ORC vet must report immediately post race to the designated detention barn. An attendant must remain with the horse in the barn until a urine and blood sample have been obtained.

TOTAL CO2 (TCO2)

TCO2 testing may be performed before warm-up, before post parade or 2 hours after a race as determined by the ORC vet. The TCO2 threshold for furosemide and non-furosemide users is 37 mmol/L. If testing is done on site, the trainer will be informed if a test result is over the threshold. After the initial overage a second sample will be taken and analyzed in view of the trainer. If the second test is also over the threshold, the horse will be scratched.

ANABOLIC STEROIDS

Michigan follows the anabolic steroid testing national guidelines.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All horses racing in Michigan must have a negative Coggins test. A Coggins test is valid for the current calendar year including December of the previous year. Any horse arriving at the track from other jurisdictions must have a valid health certificate to enter the grounds.

EHV VACCINATIONS

All horses entering a Michigan pari-mutuel racetrack must have proof of EHV vaccination within the last 6 months and must be submitted to an ORC vet before time of entry and must include the trainer's name, the name, signature and phone number of the vet giving the vaccination, the horse's registered name, the date given, and the product name. Horses arriving at the entry gate of a racetrack should have a copy of their vaccination certificate to show the security guard.

EQUINE PROTOZOAL MYELITIS (EPM)

Trainers with horses being treated with sulfa/trimethoprim to prevent the reoccurrence of EPM symptoms must supply the required paperwork to the ORC vet before time of entry. EPM forms must be filled out on an annual basis.

CORNELL COLLAR

Trainers must submit proof to the ORC vet that his/her private vet has prescribed the use of a Cornell Collar and the trainer has been instructed in its proper use. A written request is also necessary to discontinue use.

DENERVING

All horses competing after a posterior digital neurectomy must provide notice to the Commissioner's veterinarian and be included on the Heel Nerved Horse list.

VET'S UNABLE TO PERFORM LIST (VET LIST)

A horse placed on the Vet's List must be released before entry. This may be done by the trainer submitting, to the ORC vet, a written release slip from an ORC-licensed vet or after examination by the ORC vet.



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